



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 3

Meeting Date: April 24, 2006

Meeting Location: Bremen, IN

Council Members Present: Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS, Peggy Shively, Director Kosciusko County DCS, Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County DCS, Sally Greenlee, FCM Marshall County DCS, Jim Caldwell, Foster Parent St. Joseph County, Linda Cioch, Regional Manager.

Council Members Absent: The Honorable Peter Nemeth, The Honorable Duane G. Huffer, Magistrate Deborah Domine, Sally Mahnken, CASA Kosciusko County, Teresa Zornig, FCM St. Joseph County

Others In Attendance: Chuck Smith, Director St. Joseph County, James A. Shively, CW Services Coordinator, Brandy Wright, Midwest Center for Youth and Families, Bonita Schrock, Oaklawn, Gail Johnson, Dunebrook, Meyaka Jackson, Dunebrook, Brandi Lewis, Dunebrook, Kris Pate, Dunebrook, Diana Dibkey, Dunebrook, Matthew Ellis, DCS State, Jim Burns, Family Focus

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:05 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to listen to presentations by the providers who have a proposal for the Community Partners for Child Abuse, and have an opportunity to ask questions of the providers and Matthew Ellis from Central Office.

1. Introduction of members and guests.
2. The minutes were reviewed and accepted.
3. Diana Dibkey provided information on Dunebrook's proposal regarding the Community Partners for Child Abuse Program, and what their plan would be. They also advised the RSC about what they do currently in LaPorte and Lake Counties. They are a Child Advocacy Center and have several preventative and educational programs for families. They feel strongly about family support and education.

4. Rachel Tobin-Smith presented SCAN's proposal. They are currently located in Allen County and have 114 staff. They see the Community Partners program as a network of providers, community resources and families. They discussed an assessment in each county which would be supervised by SCAN. They feel it important to work with existing volunteers and build on that. They also feel it important to work closely with each County Director to ascertain each communities need.
5. Jim Burns from Family Focus excused himself as he did not realize this was for the main contract. He thought it would include subcontractors.
6. Benita Schruck from Oaklawn discussed their proposal which had originally been for one county and not the region. She indicated that the Systems of Care is very strong in the Mental Health field. Oaklawn would use the CANS assessment tool and DCS would measure outcomes. She indicated there had to be good collaborative relationships. She also proposed costs for doing this.
7. It should be noted all presentations were given without the other providers in the room and after giving the presentations the providers left.
8. Matt discussed the funding and what was available for this region. He stated there is \$132,458 start up for the region and \$213,792 has been allocated for direct services. This is ending December 2006. The following year he indicated there was \$95,684 available. One agency can provide for the entire region, or they can subcontract. That would be the providers and the RSC's decision.
9. Discussion ensued and the following concerns were raised regarding Oaklawn.
 - a. Self referrals
 - b. Mental Health stigma
 - c. That there might be some problems with other local providers.
 - d. Did not seem to understand what the Community Partner Program was actually about.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: May 15, 2006 location TBA

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:55 a.m.